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1. (Secret - JMM) Accompanied Dave Brandwein and [redacted] [redacted] FMSAC, who briefed Chairman Downing (D. Va.) of the NASA Oversight Subcommittee and "Dan" Boone of the Subcommittee staff on the Soviet space program. Downing was most complimentary and asked if the same briefing (which had included SI and TKH material) could be given the full Subcommittee. I said I'd check with the Director and let him know.

Downing expressed particular concern on possible waste and duplication as between NASA and NRO activities, and wondered on what level decisions were made as between NASA's needs and the protection of sophisticated reconnaissance equipment.

Downing requested unclassified figures on the cost of Soviet space efforts in terms of dollar equivalent and the percent of the Soviet GNP which we promised to provide.

As we left Downing said he'd like to talk to me some time about some valuable real estate in his district.

2. (Confidential - GLC) Talked with J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, about his having someone place in the Congressional Record the Time magazine article on the "Trade in Troublemaking." Sourwine said they would be pleased to put this in the Record, but he raised the question as to whether we could document the article any further. I told him I would check on this and be back in touch with him.

3. (Secret - GLC) Talked with Mr. Hyman Fine, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, about GAO's request for our assistance in the preparation of a study on a comparison of U.S. and Soviet military research and development expenditures and the Director's letter to GAO asking that we be excused from participation in this study. Fine does not have the compartmented clearances which would be involved in the full discussion of the substance of this matter, but is generally aware of the problems involved. He raised the question, however, as to whether we could not respond in large measure to the question raised in Senator McIntyre's original letter to GAO. I also asked him to consider the possibility of our working directly with members of Senator McIntyre's Subcommittee staff, bypassing the GAO clearance problem. (This would of necessity involve clearing Fine and his associates.) We agreed to talk this over in our respective offices and then get together again to see if we could not work out some reasonable solution.

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